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Sec. 18, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 30, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The segregative effect of this notice will terminate upon completion of the requirements of the Act. Notice of completion will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 8, 1995.

Thomas P. Lonnie,

Deputy State Director, Division of Resources.

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Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*):

PRT-803589

Applicant: Chicago Zoological Park, Brookfield, Illinois

Collection and retainment of live wood storks, *Mycteria americana*, rescued from abandoned colonies in Everglades National Park, for scientific purposes, educational purposes, and for the purposes of enhancement of propagation and survival of the species.

PRT-803587

Applicant: Burns and McDonnell, Inc., a consulting firm based in Kansas City, Missouri.

Perform population census work on the endangered American burying beetle, *Nicrophorus americanus*, for purposes of enhancement of survival of the species.

Written data or comments on any of these applications should be submitted to: Regional Permit Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 210, Atlanta, Georgia 30345. All data and comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 210, Atlanta, Georgia

30345 (Attn: Permit Coordinator). Telephone: 404/679-7110; Fax: 404/679-7280.

Dated: June 12, 1995.

Noreen K. Clough,

Regional Director

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Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of the availability of an environmental assessment; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this Notice is to make available to the public an environmental assessment regarding the release in the United States of three nonindigenous insects *Galerucella californiensis*, *Galerucella pusilla*, and *Hylobius transversovittatus*. The purpose of the release is to reduce and control *Lythrum salicaria* on Service-managed wetlands and to assist the States to reduce and control purple loosestrife on non-Service wetlands. These insects are not native to North America.

The Service proposes to release these three insect species on Service and other lands in the United States so they can contribute to the biological control of purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), an introduced weed.

The primary reason for releasing these three insect species as a tool for purple loosestrife control is to lessen the negative environmental impacts caused by purple loosestrife infestations themselves and the methods used currently to control the weed plant. The intended result of the proposed action is to cause positive environmental impacts.

DATES: Written comments on the Environmental Assessment should be received on or before July 12, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this Environmental Assessment should be addressed to Robert Schallenberger, Chief, Division of Refuges, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 600 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sean Furniss, Refuge Program Specialist, or Howard Schlegel, Forester, Division of Refuges, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 600 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240 (703) 358-2043.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared that addressed three

alternative actions for the Service's management of the introduced weed plant purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*). Purple Loosestrife has impacted North American wetland ecosystems by changing the structure, function, and productivity of the wetlands. The plant forms dense monoculture stands, sometimes thousands of acres in size, that displace native vegetation and threaten the biotic integrity of wetland ecosystems. The loss of plant species richness and diversity has eliminated natural foods and cover essential to many wetland wildlife species. This has altered the wetland habitat necessary to fulfill the purposes for which many wildlife refuges were established.

Conventional control methods are ineffective, costly, and require continuous long term maintenance. The release of the subject biological agents is intended to facilitate use of self-perpetuating biological controls. If the three insects in question become established, they would provide continuous control of the plant without further human actions. This would reduce current dependency on the rather non-effective and costly actions of mechanical methods, fire, water manipulations, and herbicide used to control loosestrife. If not reduced in volume and controlled, the plant will continue to expand and degrade wetlands nationwide by replacing native plant species in already stressed and declining wetland environments.

In addition to the proposed action, the Service also considered the alternative of continuing current management of the plant as well as the alternative of using two previously approved species of beetles for control of the purple loosestrife on Service lands. The selected alternative is the proposed action of releasing the three insects, in addition to the two previously approved species, to develop a continuous biological control of the plant.

Dated: June 14, 1995.

Mollie H. Beattie,

Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Notice of Availability and Notice of Public Hearing on a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service has prepared a draft